

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

SATURDAY **APRIL 19 (Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Easter)**
 4:30 p.m. † ANN DUMAS
 (Dr. Jeremiah & Virginia Lowney)

SUNDAY **APRIL 20 (Fifth Sunday of Easter)**
 8:30 a.m. † JOSEPHINE DICKENSON
 (Gail & Gene Dickenson)
 10:15 a.m. † MARIA FRATTAROLI (Margaret Pompa)

MONDAY **APRIL 21 (St. Anselm)**
 9:00 a.m. Intentions of LORETTA GRABOW
 (Donna Battistone & Dee Kurowski)

TUESDAY **APRIL 22 (Easter Weekday)**
 9:00 a.m. † RAYMOND & PAULINE SCHLOSSER

WEDNESDAY **APRIL 23 (St. George & St. Adalbert)**
 9:00 a.m. † JOSEPH FITZGERALD (wife, Norma)

THURSDAY **APRIL 24 (St Fidelis of Sigmaringen)**
 9:00 a.m. † EDWARD KING (family)

FRIDAY **APRIL 25 (St. Mark)**
 6:30 p.m. Rosary

SATURDAY **APRIL 26 (Vigil: Sixth Sunday of Easter)**
 10:00 a.m. First Communion
 4:30 p.m. † CECILE DROUIN FALCONE
 (Annette & Bill Hoch)

SUNDAY **APRIL 27 (Sixth Sunday of Easter)**
 8:30 a.m. † ADLARD DURETTE
 (Etiennette & Joseph Duplessie)
 10:15 a.m. † EDWARD LAVOIE (wife & family)

Cantor and Presider Schedule

Apr. 26/27	4:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Cantor	Adult Choir	Mary Jo Tomsic	Youth Choir
Presider	Fr. Tom	Fr. Tom	Fr. Tom
Deacon	Bill Bartlett	Bill Bartlett	Ed Giard
Organist	Jane Peacock	Jane Peacock	Jane Peacock

OFFERTORY REPORT

Apr. 12/13	Needed	\$ 6,981	Actual	\$ 6,786
Year to Date	Needed	\$ 104,695	Actual	\$ 113,628

Year-to-Date our budget is + \$8,933

Peter's Pence \$2,449

Please remember in your prayers this week, *United Methodist Church of Bolton*, a participating member of MACC (Manchester Area Conference of Churches).

THIS WEEK AT ST. BARTS.

SUNDAY **APRIL 20**
 1:00-3:00 p.m. Hunger Walk (St. Bart's Ties Up Hunger)
 6:30 p.m. Youth Group

MONDAY **APRIL 21**
 9:30 a.m. Small Church Community
 7:00 p.m. Legion of Mary
 7:00 p.m. RCIA
 7:00 p.m. First Communion Rehearsal

TUESDAY **APRIL 22**
 7:00 p.m. Liturgy Committee

WEDNESDAY **APRIL 23**
 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir
 7:30-9:30 p.m. Small Church Community

THURSDAY **APRIL 24**
 9:45-11:30 am Small Church Community

FRIDAY **APRIL 25**
 6:30 p.m. Rosary Prayer Group

SATURDAY **APRIL 26**
 9:00 a.m. Rebuilding Together (Christmas in April)

SUNDAY **APRIL 27**
 10:15 a.m. 9th Grade Retreat (beginning with Mass)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

GRADES PRE K-8 Thank you for a great year!
CONFIRMATION – GRADES 9 & 10 The next Confirmation Class is Sunday, May 4 from 6:00-8:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 27 is the required **9th Grade Retreat**. Please remember to get your forms in.

2008/2009 REGISTRATION: Religious Education and Confirmation Program registrations are going on now. If your child will be entering kindergarten next fall, please call or stop by to register. Also, those attending East Catholic High School next fall, register now for Confirmation classes. You may also go to the parish website to obtain registration forms for **PreK-8-Religious Ed.** and **9th & 10th Grade-Confirmation**.

YOUTH MINISTRY

The **Junior Youth Group** will meet on Sun., May 18.
 The **High School Youth Group** will meet on Sunday, April 20 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

9th & 10th Grade Confirmation Classes: All forms for the **Hunger Walk** and collected money are due at the Walk on April 20 in the Youth Ministry office. **Parents must sign the forms.**

REBUILDING TOGETHER (Christmas in April) 2008 Parishioners are invited to join in this Confirmation service project on **Saturday, April 26**. It will begin at 8:30 am from the St. Bart's parking lot.

If you're interested in helping, please pick up a volunteer form from the Youth Ministry or Parish Office and return ASAP.

HUNGER WALK St. Bart's and Manchester Area Conference of Churches, "MACC" is walking against hunger on **Sunday, April 20 at 1pm**, from our parking lot. Please join with us. If you cannot walk, you can donate after Masses this weekend, or send a check to MACC anytime, marked **St. Bart's Ties Up Hunger**. Thank you for all your support in ending hunger in our community.

SCC – SMALL CHURCH COMMUNITIES

Focus Questions on Sunday Readings

April 20, 2008 –5th Sunday of Easter

John 14:1-12

Acts 6:1-7

1 Peter 2:4-9

Philip speaks up for all of us when he asks Jesus, “Show us the Father.” What is God like? Jesus tells Philip and us, “The answer is right in front of you.” We know an awful lot about God, because we know his son. Look at him. They bring sick people to him, and he heals them, not in crowds, but one hurting person at a time. He meets blind people and he does what you and I wish we could do: he gives them sight. His friend Lazarus has died, and he breaks down and cries. He’s puzzled and hurt when people don’t trust him; but when they do, he can’t resist them. He gets angry when he sees people in authority acting unjustly, and he tells them off. He is brutally honest with the powerful, but tender and gentle toward the weak. This is the man we meet Sunday after Sunday, in the Gospel. Are we listening? This is the kind of God we have. No wonder we call it good news!

Is God still mysterious? Oh yes, he is. And does he sometimes seem distant and far away? Of course he does. But God has taken a lot of trouble to bridge the infinite gap between us and help us know him as he is. Watch him. Listen to him. Take him at his word when he says, “If you know me, then you will also know my Father.”

1. What are some of the words and deeds of Jesus that help me to know God better?
2. Reflect on an experience when you had to trust without knowing what would happen.
3. How has knowing Jesus given you a certain kind of freedom from tension and anxiety?

(Reference: Sundays with Jesus)

Please keep bringing **CANNED FRUIT** for our April **FEED THE HUNGRY** Drive. MACC is most grateful for your constant care of the less fortunate. Place your donation in the boxes at the church entrances.

“The Three Divas” Concert

Saturday, April 26 7:00pm

Trinity Covenant Church

302 Hackmatack St., Manchester, CT

860-649-2855 for directions

FREE ADMISSION – all donations received will go directly to **MACC charities**

Micah 6: 8 What is good has been explained to you; this is what Yahweh asks of you: only this, to act justly, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with your God.

[We are called to work] so that every person's dignity is respected, the immigrant is welcomed as a brother or sister, and all humanity forms a united family which knows how to appreciate with discernment the different cultures which comprise it.

Pope John Paul II Message for World Migration Day 2000

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Manchester Hospital is seeking a few more Eucharistic Ministers to help with the distribution of the Eucharist at the hospital. If you feel you could donate an hour or two of your time weekly it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact **George Zachmann or the parish office** for further information.

A NOTE FROM HHF (Haitian Health Foundation)

Dear Friends of HHF,

This is our first emergency email. You may have heard or read recently about the impending famine in Haiti. The situation is also dire in Jeremie, where the Haitian Health Foundation provides for over 200,000 people. The cost of food has increased almost 100% since March 2008. A 55 pound sack of rice, a staple in the Haitian diet, has increased from \$18.83 to \$29.87 in just 2 weeks – a chicken that cost \$3.90 last month is now \$8! Many of the 105 mountain villages under the HHF “umbrella of care” have lost their crops, corn, beans, bread, fruit due to constant rains and extraordinary winds. **This is unquestionably a crisis.**

HHF is responding with food in our storehouse – we have delivered truckloads of tuna in cans, peanut butter, and soy foods to the most desperate villages. Our supplies are limited and there doesn’t appear to be an end – the needs increase. Some of these villages have nearly a 100% malnutrition rate. . .

Children and the elderly are eating “mud Cookies” made of dirt and cooking oil to ease the constant pangs of hunger, www.msnbc.msn.com/id/22902512/.

We are attempting to buy corn, beans and rice to make Akamil at our 3 production mills, but the costs are scandalous and prohibitive. The poor of southern Haiti need our help at this time.

Thank you so much for your support of our work in Haiti.

Jerry & Marilyn Lowney

Thank you to all of you who have made very generous contributions through St. Bart’s for our mission in Haiti. We were able to send a considerable gift to HHF from our Parish Charities collection on Easter Sunday.

If anyone wishes to contribute to the needs of the people of Haiti, you can send your gift through St. Bart’s. Fr. Tom will be traveling to Haiti in May and will bring food and financial donations with him.

The Haiti Helpers will be holding a **Cut A Thon** in St. Bridget's school cafeteria on Sunday afternoon, **April 27 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.**

We not only invite but encourage you to join us. We need willing hands to cut and fold fabric which will be used to make items such as diapers and maternity dresses. This would be a good opportunity to make some new acquaintances, or perhaps you belong to a group that is looking for a service project. The only thing that we ask is that you bring a pair of sharp scissors for your own use. Please give some thought to joining us.

If you'd like to know more about our Cut A Thon (or any of our other Haiti work projects) please call Judy Sutter, Chris La Vae or the parish office.

The **Archbishop’s Annual Appeal** changes lives through service to the Lord. Your gift helps to provide formation and education to those whose vocation is vital to our faith and our Church. Your gift to the **Annual Appeal** is an investment in the future of our Archdiocese. Thank you to the parish families who have made a gift or pledge commitment to the **2008 Archbishop’s Annual Appeal**. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please prayerfully consider doing so. Although we need a number of extraordinary commitments to meet our goal, please know that your gift will have a major impact regardless of the gift level.